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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminarily, the Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of claims 20 and 27-32. In order to expedite prosecution, the Applicants have cancelled all other previously pending claims, without prejudice to their later reentry.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 20 and 27-35 will be pending, with new claims 33-35 being added to more distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. The rejection of claims 15, 19 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) (or, alternatively, under §103(a)), is rendered moot by the above amendments.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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